

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 15, and 16 will be pending in present application upon entry of this amendment. Claims 1, 15, and 16 have been amended. Claims 13, 14, and 17-28 have been canceled without prejudice. In the Decision on Appeal of September 24, 2007, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decided that:

- The Examiner's rejection of claims 1-16 and 21-23 was reversed;
- The Examiner's rejection of claims 17-20 and 24-28 was affirmed; and
- New grounds of rejection were entered against claims 13, 14, 16, and 21-23.

Decision on Appeal, at p. 16. Although Appellants respectfully disagree with the Board's decision with respect to claims 13, 14, and 16-28, it notes that there is currently no rejection of record against claims 1-12 and 15. With the interest of expediting issuance of the present application, claim 1 has been amended to correct a minor antecedent basis error, claim 15 has been amended with the elements of claims 13 and 14, and claim 16 has been amended to depend from claim 15. No new matter has been added.

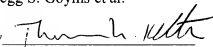
In light of the foregoing, Appellants submit that all pending claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Appellants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10992292-1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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